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Printed Thermoplastic Film with Radiation-Cured Overprint Varnish

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed June 11, 2002, the period for response having been extended to October 11, 2002 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as noted below and consider the remarks that follow.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 16.

Please amend claims 1, 6, and 22 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A packaged food product comprising:

a food product;

a package enclosing the food product, the package comprising a coated, printed film comprising:

a substrate film comprising one or more thermoplastic materials, the substrate film having a print side and an opposing food side and an average thickness of less than about 15 mils;

an image printed on the print side of the substrate film;

a radiation-cured varnish over the printed image, the radiation-cured varnish formed by:

